



[Docket No.: ED-2013-ICCD-0076]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Targeted Teacher Shortage Areas Nationwide Listing

AGENCY: Department of Education (ED), Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before [insert the 60th day after publication of this notice].

ADDRESSES: Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting Docket ID number ED-2013-ICCD-0076 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or e-mail and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, LBJ, Room 2E103, Washington, D.C. 20202-4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Electronically mail ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. **Please do not send comments here.**

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Targeted Teacher Shortage Areas Nationwide Listing

OMB Control Number: 1840-0595

Type of Review: Extension of an existing information collection

Respondents / Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Governments

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 57

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 4,560

Abstract: This request is for approval of recordkeeping and reporting requirements that are contained in the Federal Family Education Loan Programs (FFELP) regulations, which address the targeted teacher deferment provision of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. The information collected is necessary for a State to support its annual request for designation of teacher shortage areas within the State. The collection of information from Chief State School Officers to support and document the request for teacher shortage areas within a given State can potentially enable student financial aid recipients to defer, reduce, or discharge loan debts and/or meet other specified obligations.

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